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a belt reinforcement arranged on an inside of the belt in the radial direction and comprised of at least one belt reinforcing layer embedded with reinforcing elements extending in a circumferential direction,

and a tread rubber arranged on outsides of the belt and the belt reinforcement in the radial direction, in which a widthwise outer end of a widest-width belt reinforcing layer is arranged outward from a widthwise outer end of a widest-width belt layer among the belt layers, and

a restraining rubber having a JIS hardness not less than a JIS hardness of a coating rubber for the widest-width belt reinforcing layer is arranged outward from the widthwise outer end of the widest-width belt reinforcing layer at least in a direction directly adjacent to the widthwise outer end of the widest-width belt reinforcing layer in an axial direction, wherein

the restraining rubber has a width of not less than 4 mm from the widthwise outer end of the widest-width belt reinforcing layer.

Please add the following new claims:

10. (New) A pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein the width of the restraining rubber is measured at a radial center of a thickness of the widest-width belt reinforcing layer along a direction parallel to the carcass.